

BEAUREGARD MOSELEY MAKES DEFENSE OF HIS STATEMENTS

Chicago, Sept. 27, 1919.
Mr. John Mitchell, Jr.,
Editor Richmond Planet,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Editor: It was with extreme satisfaction and pleasure that I received and read your note of recent date, in which you assure me the libelous headline was published without your knowledge or consent, and for this reason I am pleased to give you the first statement I have made since the reported interview appeared in the daily press of this city and of the country, wherein I was quoted as saying this was a white man's country. The utterance as made by me and quoted by the press as an alleged interview, was not what I said, and yet what was published as being my interview was practically true. What I did say was this:

"Economically, this seemed to be a white man's country. They furnished the employment, industrial plants and the implements of cultivating the earth, and through the law making bodies, had given the Negro all the rights that he had enjoyed or would enjoy in this country, and that for this reason it seemed to be their country, etc."

Several race papers and would-be race leaders and thinkers, have pounced upon this assertion as if it excluded them as being part and parcel of the country. I have never said that this was not their country. I know of no other that they could justly lay claim to, and yet to say it is our country from an economic viewpoint, would be equally as rash.

We have been for the past fifty years, or I might add ever since the first colored man landed in this country and I think history records his name as Job Ben Solomon, trying to help the white man build up and govern the country. Just how far we have succeeded is patented to most observers. Colored people in Georgia, Alabama, Texas and throughout the South, where jury trials are denied, proscription and civil rights prohibited by law of the local states and recognized by the National Government so far as states regulations enforcing Jim Crow cars are concerned, are all agreed that we have made but meagre progress in helping to govern, and when I witnessed here in Chicago a few weeks ago the conduct of the whites, predicated upon a false assumption that all Negroes deserve

RELIGIOUS NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Evangelist Skipwith On Church Hill.

Thirty-first Street Baptist Church, Rev. S. P. Robinson, pastor.—Our fall revival has begun. The outlook is very encouraging. We have had several conversions thus far and the attendance is increasing nightly. We have with us the Rev. W. H. Skipwith, B. D., who needs no introduction to the church-goers of this city. On next Sunday he will speak three times. At the great mass meeting in the afternoon his subject will be, "I Have Put Off My Coat, How Shall I Put It On?" Everybody invited. A chorus of fifty voices will assist in the music.

Rev. T. J. J. Mosby at Moore Street.

The Rev. T. J. J. Mosby, D. D., the able, energetic and aggressive pastor of the New Baptist Church will preach a special sermon at the Moore Street Baptist Church Wednesday night, October 15, 1919 at 8:20 o'clock. Subject, "The Signs of the Time." The meeting is under the auspices of the Senior Choir Club. Special music has been prepared for the occasion, which will consist of several solos by talented singers. A great crowd is expected to hear Dr. Mosby on this subject. Come early and secure a good seat. For

EDITOR MITCHELL'S TRAVELS

I left Cincinnati a short time after I arrived there. There was little to disturb the monotony of the trip. I gazed out upon the farm lands and the neatly painted houses, while now and then I passed the plants where many men were being employed. I found it inconvenient to write upon a shaking table or a jolting knee. A person must become well accustomed to writing while on a train, just as he must get used to sleeping in a car berth before he can obtain any satisfaction from either of the accomplishments.

Arriving at Indianapolis, Ind. I went out upon the platform and I found a great change had taken place. A mammoth station was in process of erection. We remained here for only a few minutes and then we were on our way again to St. Louis. I had eaten luncheon in the dining car previous to this time and I felt much better. I met young Charley Campbell, whose father is a barber here. He makes his home in Covington, Ky. and he blushing admitted that he was not married. I passed through East St. Louis, the scene of the bloody race riots a few years ago. Beer and whisky signs were to be seen. Many of the places bore the "For Rent" signs.

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WHITING—WASHINGTON.

Mr. Leander Washington announces the marriage of his mother, Mrs. Ardelia Washington to Mr. R. W. Whiting.

Reception, Thursday, October 23, 1919, at 905 State Street, from 8:30 P. M. to 11:30 P. M. All friends and the public in general are cordially invited to be present. No cards.

BAILEY—MINOR.

William V. Bailey, Corporal Company B, 368th Infantry and Miss Margaret R. Minor, daughter of Mr. Benjamin Minor, of Richmond, Va., were married October 7, 1919, at 8 o'clock. They left for Washington October 8, at 5 o'clock P. M.

MOORE—EDWARDS.

Rev. R. E. Edwards and wife, of 1015 Hickory Street, Richmond, Va. wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Alice V. Edwards, to Mr. Armistead Moore, which took place in Brooklyn, N. Y., September 3, 1919. They will reside in Brooklyn, N. Y.

MARRIAGE RECEPTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Cephas announce their marriage reception, Friday evening, October 17, 1919, at their residence, 310 W. Leigh Street, from 8:30 to 11:30 P. M. Friends invited. No cards.

Mrs. Cephas was formerly Miss Ida Bell Hayden.

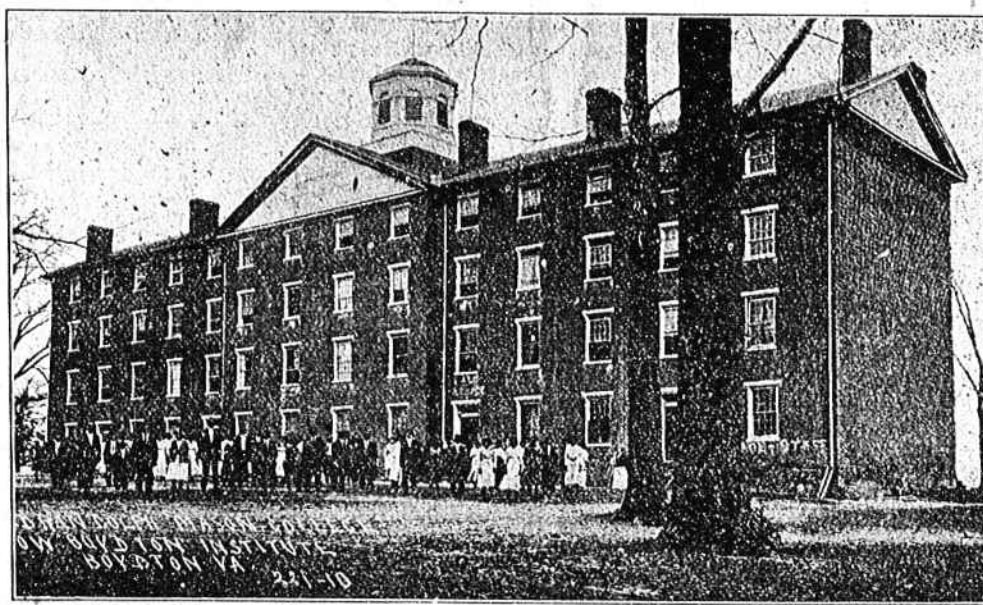
GRAY—CLARK.

Wise, Va., October 7.—Mr. James Curley Gray married Miss Susie Clark on the sixth day of October. Miss Clark was the fair daughter of Mr. Dave Clark. The couple left here for Wailid, Va., where they will make their future home. Mr. Gray is a motor mechanic.

BASS—ALLEN.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Allen wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Miss Virginia B. Allen to Mr. L. C. Bass. Marriage took place Monday September 29, 1919 at the bride's residence 1535 Blair street. Reception October 15, 1919 at 1535 Blair street. Friends are cordially invited. No cards.

Woodman! Woodman!! Spare that Tree



BOYDTON INSTITUTE OPENS OCTOBER 15, WITH DR. CHARLES S. MORRIS, SR., AT THE HEAD.

This old historic school, built by slave hands for the aristocrats of the South, with never a dream that it would ever educate their own, will reopen for the first time with a colored man at its head. It was at Boydton that one of the professors bore the war, wrote a book to prove that slavery was decreed by God to be the perpetual condition of the Negro. The trustees have given Dr. Morris full authority to make Boydton one of the greatest religious educational centers of the South. As the school opens after many of the other schools, which are already crowded, students unable to enter Petersburg, Lawrenceville, Union, Hartston, excellent teaching in the academic branches and a splendid Bible training combined with the healthiest moral surroundings for young men and women. Tuition and board, twelve dollars a month. Boydton is on the Southern Railway, 12 miles from Chase City.

MRS. COGBILL'S BIRTHDAY.

Members of the family of Mrs. Robinetta Cogbill of 1017 Hull St., South Richmond, Va., led a surprise on her last Tuesday night at her home. They began to arrive at about nine o'clock and soon the parlor was filled with fun makers, showering congratulations, upon the occasion of the birthday of one of the oldest residents of the city. Letters from members of the family were read and the neat sum of \$27.00 was presented as a token of love and esteem. The recipient was too overcome for utterance. Plenty of refreshments were served to satisfy the inner-man.

Among those present were: Mesdames Laura G. King, Lillie Lewis, Alma Fitzgerald, Emma Brown, Lizzie Harris, Florence Cogbill, Nannie Thompson, Frenche Harris, Sallie B. Cogbill, Lola Sully, Misses Lillian and Frances Lewis, Lafon, Florine and Mary Cogbill, Messrs. Thomas, Edgar, John and Kirkland Cogbill, Willie Harris, Ivory Sully, and W. E. L. Smith.

It was one A. M. when all left for their several homes well pleased with the evening spent.

REFORMERS WILL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDER.

Rev. Dr. Charles S. Morris to Speak for Richmond Division.

In keeping with a proclamation recently issued by Mr. W. S. Woodson, Grand Worthy Master, the subordinate fountains and rosebud nurseries of the Grand Fountain, U. O.

T. R. have been ordered to gather at some suitable place, Monday, October 20, 1919, for the purpose of honoring with appropriate exercises the seventieth birthday anniversary of Rev. William Washington Browne, founder of the Order.

In celebration of the occasion an anniversary memorial fund is being raised by the members of the Order and Richmond Division at the seat of the Order's headquarters, is planning for a noteworthy affair, Monday evening, October 20, at 8:30, at Reformers Hall. The members of the Division will turn out in a body, wear regalia and make their anniversary contributions through their fountains. The general public is also invited to attend and will be expected to give a silver offering at the door. The Rev. Dr. Charles S. Morris, of Norfolk, Va. will deliver the anniversary address.

CRUMP MONUMENT IS UNVEILED HERE IN WOODLAND

Beautiful Monument to Col. Thomas M. Crump Unveiled in Woodland Cemetery.

The unveiling exercises at Woodland Cemetery, Wednesday, October 8, were a grand success. The fine granite monument erected in memory of the late Colonel Thomas M. Crump was the subject of much favorable comment. The actual unveiling of the monument was performed by the widow of the deceased, Mr. J. W. Thompson was master of ceremonies. Rev. Thomas H. White, D. D., of Clifton Forge, Va. who is Grand Prelate of the Grand Lodge, K. of P. of Virginia, of which Order, Colonel Crump was the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at the time of his death, delivered the eulogy. His remarks were appropriate, forceful and timely. He was introduced by Attorney James T. Carter in a most appropriate manner. Mr. Booker L. Jordan in choice language gave a historical account of Colonel Crump's career.

Mr. J. W. Thompson introduced President John Mitchell, Jr., who reviewed the career of the deceased. Music was furnished by the Second Baptist Church Choir and by the Municipal Band. Sir T. J. Brose said a few words in conclusion. Prayer had been offered by Rev. Dr. Scott C. Burrell and the benediction was announced by Rev. Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The spectacular parade of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias had been a feature. Visitors from Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Clifton Forge, and West Point, Va. had come to attend the exercises. They were dined before and after the parade, at the Pythian Castle, by a committee headed by Mrs. Mamie Mason. The Municipal Band, led by the Brigade and Regimental Staffs, furnished music, while well known dignitaries of the Order were in carriages and automobiles.

On high ground and in sight of the magnificent granite gate double entrance, rests this beautiful memorial to be seen from the roadway. Miss M. L. Chiles was chairman of the reception committee and with Mrs. Lucy Cross and others did much to make the exercises a success. President Mitchell paid a tribute to Mr. W. Henry Walton, the moving spirit of the affair. Mr. John T. Taylor and other members of the active committee, through whose efforts about fifteen hundred dollars were raised for the purpose.

VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY REOPENS.

The doors of the Virginia Union University were swung open Monday, September 29, admitting the largest enrollment in its history. A number of old students, who have seen service with the colors are present in addition to the host of new students. Every available room is being taken in order to accommodate the tremendous crowd.

Miss Emily F. Ames, instructor in English Literature, Latin and French who was forced to leave her work on account of illness last Spring, is again at her post.

The science department has been greatly strengthened this year, thereby affording an excellent opportunity to students desiring to take pre-medical work. The strengthening of this department gives to Virginia Union a college course equal to that of any of the colored colleges of the country.

REV. DR. KING HAS A NARROW ESCAPE IN ACCIDENT.

Rev. Dr. T. J. King, after conducting services at the Fifth Street Baptist Church on Sunday morning, the fifth instant, entered his Overland car and started up Leigh Street towards Brook Avenue. He could not see any car approaching as he neared the corner of First and Leigh Streets. He had not cleared the track however before, his car was struck by one of those heavy street cars going towards Broad Street.

The impact smashed his car in the rear, breaking a rear wheel, tearing off the tire and completely reversing the machine. In the car with him were his wife and three children. None of the occupants were injured. This car was recently given Rev. Dr. King by the members of his Church.

DESTROYER CAPTAIN WRONG IN BARRING COLORED PEOPLE

COLORED PEOPLE INDIGNANT.

Richmond Chapter N. A. A. C. P. Acts When Colored People are Refused on Board U. S. Destroyer Hove.

The following correspondence will explain itself:

Richmond, Va., Sept. 15, 1919.
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: On behalf of the Richmond Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, I write to enter a protest against what I term an un-American and un-democratic act on the part of the Government in having the United States Destroyer ship in harbor at Richmond and all colored citizens who attempt to enter were denied the privilege of seeing it because of their race and color.

Is it possible that this is a proof of the democracy for which more than half a million of our race shouldered arms and offered to go across the

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In Memoriam.

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, Mrs. Martha Smith, who entered into rest eternal three years ago, October 6, 1916:

Her beautiful soul, like a ray of light,
Has gone to the realms above,
Where never again comes sorrow or pain
In that land of celestial love.

And there, in the flowery fields of God,
She mingles with spirits of peace,
Where hope and joy, without alloy,
Shall never decay or cease.

Her daughter,
ELLEN WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Holmes Passes Away.

Mrs. Virginia Holmes, the wife of Sir Thomas Holmes of Westwood, Va. died Tuesday afternoon, October 7, 1919, at the Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Holmes was a member of the Westwood Baptist Church, Rev. I. H. Hines, pastor.

In Memoriam.

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear daughter, Pauline Clarke Taylor, who departed this life one year ago—October 4, 1918:

God called her home,
It was His will,
But in our hearts we love her still.
Her memory is as dear today
As in the hour she passed away.
—Her Mother and Brother.

Mr. D. S. Evans, of News Ferry, Va. was in the city last week.

Mr. Willie Palmer, of Philadelphia Pa. has been visiting his sister in law Mrs. Margaret Parryear, of Fert Lee, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Page and friends of Fulton.

—Mrs. Martha Collins, of 719 E. 15th Street South Richmond who was taken suddenly ill at Mrs. Mammie Banks, 619 E. 16th Street several days ago is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Barbee and their little son, Atlas, Jr., left the city last week to spend two weeks visiting in Durham, N. C.

Miss Olivia Orange left the city last Saturday morning for Downingtown, Pa., where she has accepted a position as teacher in the Downingtown Industrial and Agricultural School.

Mrs. Bessie Calhoun and Mrs. Susie E. Crenshaw, of New York spent ten days with their sick mother, Mrs. Agnes Smith, 656 N. Seventh Street. They also visited Mrs. Mattie Selby, of 1015 N. Fourth Street and many other friends.

Mrs. Bettie Eaton, formerly of Richmond, but now of Rosemary, N. C. has returned home, after a stay of two weeks here, visiting her many friends.